

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 13 (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) An object striking implement having a tubular handle, an object striking portion and a resilient vibration damper having a first portion positioned in and engaged with said handle, said vibration damper having an undistorted shape and a distorted shape when said damper is positioned in said handle which differs from said undistorted shape, said damper having elongate second and third portions each having an end free to flex in a direction transverse to a longitudinal axis of said handle, said first portion being axially positioned between an axially spaced from said second and said third portions, and said first portion being cylindrical and said second and third portions being arcuate and [haveing] having at least one end which contacts said handle when said implement is in a static condition

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The implement of claim 14, wherein said handle has a substantially constant inner diameter and second and third portions have a circular cross-section having a diameter equal to about half said inner diameter of said handle.

17. (Original) The implement of claim 16, wherein said damper comprises an elastomer or synthetic elastomer having a specific gravity of not less than 0.75 .

18. (Original) The implement of claim 16, wherein said damper comprises an elastomer or synthetic elastomer have a Shore durometer hardness in the range of from 5A through

60D.

19. (Original) The implement of claim 18, wherein said implement comprises a ball bat.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. - 39. (Cancelled).